

May 19, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the regional voice for economic development in Eastern Ohio, the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) works to ensure and promote the economic growth of the area and businesses for the benefit of our citizens. With unemployment above the national and state average, attracting new and diverse businesses to the region is key to our economic vitality. We need growth in technology, particularly wireless technology and expansion in mobile broadband capabilities, to help foster our economic progress. We believe that the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will aid in this process and enable expansion of this vital technology.

Hundreds of related manufacturing and service companies are located in the region, creating an inter-connected network of consumers, customers and suppliers. These companies and their customers use their mobile devices for more than making phone calls. More and more they rely on mobile broadband connectivity for managing their businesses and other aspects of their lives.

We believe that the AT&T-T-Mobile merger will help make EODA and our communities more attractive to new business and investment. The mobile broadband coverage available today stands to get even better once this merger is approved, an important asset for businesses and residents already here and those we work to attract to the area.

On behalf of the EODA and its members, we hope you will move quickly to review and approve this important transaction.

Respectfully,



Tracy V. Drake
President



Dale Hileman
Executive Director

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn